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Civil Justice

Increments to acting and temporary officers in the Judicial department.

* 673 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Deputy Collectors employed in acting and temporary vacancies are allowed to claim increments in scales of pay ;

(*b*) whether judicial officers of the same grade like the District Munsifs are debarred from such claim ; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*a*) and (*b*) be in the affirmative, why such a disinction is made ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) In fixing the minimum pay of District Munsifs account has been taken of the fact that they may have to wait for over three years prior to confirmation.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know if the hon. the Law Member is aware that the scale of pay upon which District Munsifs are started is the same as that for Deputy Collectors, viz., Rs. 300 ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" If that is so, why does the Government think it necessary to say in the answer to (*c*) that in fixing the minimum pay of District Munsifs the fact that they have to wait for over three years before confirmation is taken into account ? I can understand this being advanced as a reason if the scale of pay was higher, but the scale being what it is, how does it happen that this is given as the reason ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" The hon. Member drew attention to the fact that district munsifs are employed in temporary and acting vacancies before they are confirmed and implied that that fact was being overlooked in fixing their position on confirmation on the scale of pay. The answer is that that fact was not being overlooked."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" My question was about the drawing of increments ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" Yes, Sir, quite so."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" Are they on the same grade, the Deputy Collectors and the District Munsifs ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G Campbell :—" The scale of pay is the same as far as the highest pay of District Munsifs ? "

The hon. the President :—" I am afraid hon. Members are not observing the etiquette of addressing the Chair and questions and answers are becoming more and more personal conversations."

Mr. G Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know, Sir, from the hon. the Law Member if the grade is merely according to the scale of pay or has reference to status ? "

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The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" The pay as far as the top of the scale in the case of District Munsifs is the same as the scale of pay of Deputy Collectors. But the two services are quite distinct and there is no reason why there should be the same conditions throughout in both the services. The recruitment of District Munsifs is made direct while Deputy Collectors are recruited by promotion from the subordinate ranks. The District Munsifs are generally younger at the time of confirmation than persons who are confirmed as Deputy Collector."

Appointment of Mr. Appa Rao as a special officer to enquire into the working of the Translation and Printing Department—High Court

674 Q.—* * * *

The hon. the President :—" Regarding this question, a revised answer has been received very late and it will be placed before the Council to-morrow or day after when hon. Members will have the option of putting supplementary questions on it."

Income from and expenditure on the administration of justice in the districts of Nilgiris, Salem and Coimbatore.

*675 Q.—Mr. R. Nagan Gowda : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state for the districts of Nilgiris, Salem and Coimbatore respectively for the latest year for which information is available—

(a) the total revenue from all sources, and expenditure ;
(b) the number of civil and criminal cases filed and disposed of ; and
(c) the income from and expenditure on the administration of justice?

A.—(a)—

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	Total revenue.			Total expenditure		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
The Nilgiris ...	14,23,551	12	4	18,84,851	9	6
Salem	63 90,587	7	9	37,61,488	4	9
Coimbatore ...	95,75,019	2	7	62,12,028	11	5

(b) The hon. Member is referred to the statistics of civil and criminal courts which are placed on the Editors' Table.

(c)—

	Income.			Expenditure.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
The Nilgiris ...	8,376	14	0	46,359	8	6
Salem	65,091	13	3	2,56,605	13	5
Coimbatore ...	94,661	0	2	4,16,491	3	0

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—" May I know whether it is proposed to increase the expenditure under administration of justice in the Nilgiris ? ".

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" I must ask for notice."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" May I know whether administration of justice includes the Police department also ? "